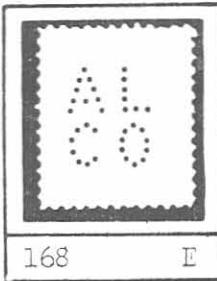
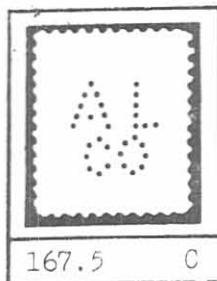


American Lava Corporation - A167.5?

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After 5 days, return to
THE AMERICAN LAVA CORPORATION,
1411-19 William Street,
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.



Here is one of those problems that serve to drive catalog editor's around the bend. This cover has the return address of The American Lava Corporation, 1411-19 William Street, Chattanooga, Tenn and the two cent additional postage was paid with two 1 cent Washington stamps. Each of the 1 cent stamps is punched "AL/CO" in a pattern that appears to be perfins pattern A167.5 (7 holes in the letter "C").

However, *The Catalog of United States Perfins* list the user of perfins pattern A167.5 as the American Locomotive Company of New York City. To make the decision even more difficult in this case is the fact that both company's names would lead to an "AL/CO" perfins.

When a photocopy was forwarded to the US Catalog Editor for his opinion, John M. Randall replied:

As far as I can see from the photocopy under a glass, it is A167.5. My own feeling is that the American Locomotive identification is probably incorrect, being a mistaken listing for A168. Since I have seen the American Lava cover I shall probably list that in the body of the Catalog with the American Locomotive identification in the appendix with a note that it is probably incorrect.

If any members have A167 or A168 on a cover that might clear up this matter, I would appreciate receiving photocopies.